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Honorable Anthony D. Stratton  
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Minutes from the  
Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services  
Meeting of December 4, 2003  
Lawrenceburg – Anderson County Community Center  
County Park Road  
1:00 P.M.

Chairman Stratton called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Stratton asked the recording Secretary, Darby McDonald to call roll.

Dr. Eric Bentley - Absent  
Shawn Bixler - Absent  
John Blumenstock - Present  
Lee Brown - Present  
Barry Brown - Present  
Jimmy Cornelison - Absent  
Dr. Mary Fallat - Present  
David Gray - Present  
Mary Guidugli - Present

Mayor Teresa Isaac - Present  
Julie Johnson - Absent  
Dr. Bob Knight - Present  
Jamey Locke - Present  
Bill Martin - Present  
Billy Miller - Absent  
Judge Anthony Stratton - Present  
Mike Swift - Present  
Dr. Jane Wiczkowski - Present

Chairman Stratton called for determination of quorum. The quorum was met with 13 present.

### Public Comment:

Chairman Stratton called for public comment. Duane Lee asked the Board to consider placing public comment toward the end of the agenda.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Isaac made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2003 Board meeting with amendments to reflect (1) Board's direction to Breckinridge to resubmit its grant request to address qualifying equipment, and (2) change in fourth paragraph under "old business" to note February 19, 2004 as the correct date. Seconded by Dr. Wiczkowski. Motion passed unanimously.



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## **Financial Report:**

Chairman Stratton called on Mr. Ashley Davis for the financial report. Mr. Davis reported on the organizational analysis as of November 20, 2003 and the financial analysis for category 0100, 1300 and 1200 EMS-C funds.

John Blumenstock made a motion to amend the agenda to address the Board's legal counsel contract, seconded by Dr. Fallat. Motion passed.

Dr. Wiczkowski made a motion to approve an appropriation modification of \$40,000 to be taken from 1200 funds for the Board's legal service contract with Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC. Seconded by John Blumenstock. Motion passed with a vote 12-1, Mike Swift voting no.

## **Old Business:**

Chairman Stratton called on Mr. Charles O'Neal to report on the Drug Assisted Intubation and Inter-Facility Transfer and Maintenance of Blood or Blood products protocols and training curriculum.

Mayor Isaac made a motion to adopt the Drug Assisted Intubation protocol as the applicable standard of care with the correction made to page two (2) including to add item number twenty-one (21) stating "strongly consider maintenance sedation and or pain control following successful intubation," seconded by Dr. Wiczkowski. Motion passed unanimously.

The Medical Standards Committee's recommendation was to not consider the training curriculum for Drug Assisted Intubation at this time. The committee appointed a focus group consisting of Dr. Fallat, Dr. O'Brien, Bruce Bowling, Terry Fraley, Duane Lee and Dr. Smith to study alternatives of the training requirements currently included in the document and to develop those findings for the training and report back to the medical standards committee and Board at their next scheduled meeting.

Motion was made by Lee Brown to adopt both the protocol and training as the applicable standard of care curriculum for Inter-Facility Transfer and Maintenance of Blood or Blood products, with the amended changes, remove item number one (1) and re-number the remaining items. On line two (2), in the second sentence change the word "current" to "last," add item "E" to state:

"The following documentation shall be provided for each bag of blood administered"

- (1) Beginning time,
- (2) Ending time,
- (3) Lot number,
- (4) Patient R number.

Seconded by Dr. Knight, motion failed with a vote 5-8, John Blumenstock, Dr. Fallat, David Gray, Mayor Isaac, Bill Martin, Mike Swift, Dr. Wiczkowski and Judge Stratton voting no.

Dr. Wiczkowski made a motion to adopt the Inter-Facility Transfer and Maintenance of Blood or Blood products protocol as the applicable standard of care as amended: Remove item

number one (1) and re-number the remaining items. Seconded by Jamey Locke, motion passed 11-2, John Blumenstock and David Gray voting no.

Grant Fund requests:

Jamey Locke made a motion to amend the agenda to reflect Butler County's request, seconded by Mike Swift. Motion passed unanimously.

Barry Brown made a motion to accept the request from Butler County Ambulance Service for \$10,000 of emergency fund monies for the replacement cost of their ambulance that was destroyed on June 25, 2003, seconded by Lee Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on the requests from Livingston and Breckinridge County

**New Business:**

State Medical Advisor Report:

Chairman Stratton called on Mr. Charles O'Neal in the absence of Dr. Dan O'Brien, State Medical Advisor for the Medical Standards report.

John Blumenstock moved to approve the recommendation the Medical Standards Committee concerning the following protocols, with recommended changes to be reflected in a letter to the providers. Seconded by Bill Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

- Todd County, as submitted.
- Nicholas County EMS, Carter County EMS, Grayson County EMS and Elkhorn City Ambulance Service with acceptance of recommended changes.
- Letcher Fire and Rescue; approval of adult I/O must utilize the combitube protocol included in the combitube pilot program CD-ROM.
- Hebron Fire Protection District, Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Airport; with adoption of recommended changes;
- Trans Star of Leslie County Ambulance Service, must utilize the combitube protocol included in the combitube pilot program CD-ROM.
- Wings Air Rescue, approval without adoption of recommended changes;
- Neonatal Transport protocol, NRP protocols, NG/OG Tube Insertion, Adult I/O and Tube Thoracostomy.
- Wings Air Rescue, rejection as not fully compliant with KAR on Determination of Death.
- Perry County Ambulance Authority, approval of adult I/O must utilize the combitube protocol included in the combitube pilot program CD-ROM.

- Neon Volunteer Fire Department, approval of adult I/O must utilize the combitube protocol included in the combitube pilot program CD-ROM, with the rejection of the RSI.
- Knott County Ambulance Service, approval of adult I/O must utilize the combitube protocol included in the combitube pilot program CD-ROM, seconded by Bill Martin. Motion passed.

Mike Swift made a motion to amend the agenda to address Dr. Bentley's absence from the Board due to his call to active duty with the United States Army, expecting to be activated for at least five (5) months, seconded by Mary Guidugli. Motion passed unanimously.

John Blumenstock made a motion to elect Dr. Mary Fallatt as the Board's interim vice-chair in Dr. Bentley's absence. Seconded by David Gray, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stratton recognized his appointment of Charles O'Neal to chair this day's Medical Standards Committee meeting. Chairman Stratton appointed State Medical Advisor Dr. Dan O'Brien to serve as interim chair of the Medical Standards Committee for the remainder of Dr. Bentley's absence.

Jamey Locke made a motion that the Board Chair excuse Dr. Bentley's absences while on active duty with the United States Army, seconded by Bill Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Strategic Plan:

Brian Bishop reviewed the KBEMS strategic plan drafted in 2001. No action was taken.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### Medical Standards/ALS-BLS Scope of Practice Committee Report:

##### Exemptions:

Bill Martin made a motion to approve the recommendations from the Medical Standards Committee concerning the following exemption requests. Seconded by John Blumenstock. Motion passed unanimously.

- KCTCS Fire Service, exemption of requirement for a medical director for a training institution until June 30, 2004.
- Thomas J. Williams, request course completed in bachelors of Science with a major in Health and minor in Physical Education as compliant with the first responder instructor MOI requirement.
- Nicholas County EMS request extension for Dr. Stephen Besson to obtain his PALS and ATLS, contingent upon proof of enrollment in class by February 18, 2004 and completed by June 4, 2004.

- Recommendation to deny request from Wings Air Rescue for staff members Cynthia Hunt, Jeffrey Edwards and William Baise to complete NREMT Paramedic registration as a condition for reciprocity.

#### Medical Directors:

Bill Martin made a motion to accept the recommendation for approval from the Medical Standards Committee on the following medical directors, with noted contingencies: Seconded by John Blumenstock. Motion passed unanimously.

- Todd County Emergency Medical Service, Dr. Randall P. Davidson, M.D. contingent upon complication of ATLS and PALS by June 4, 2004.
- Campbellsville Taylor County Rescue Squad, Dr. Jim Nuss contingent upon receipt of letter accepting position, approving existing protocols, current curriculum vitae' by January 1, 2004 and copies of current ATLS, ACLS, and PALS or board certification in Emergency Medicine by June 4, 2004.
- Trans Star of Leslie County Ambulance Service, Dr. Bart Francis as submitted,

Bill Martin made a motion to approve Kenneth Nichter's request for approval to teach a course entitled "Radiological Emergencies", seconded by John Blumenstock. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Fallat made a motion to approve the concept for staff development of the pilot program on Nebulizer/Albuterol administration by EMT's, to be brought back for Board consideration in January or February, seconded by Dr. Wiczowski. Motion passed, Jamey Locke and Barry Brown voting no.

#### EMS-C Committee Report:

Discussion was led by Dr. Fallat and Mr. Taylor concerning the EMS-C program. No Action was taken.

#### **Executive Director's Report:**

Chairman Stratton called on Mr. Bishop to give the Executive Director's report. Mr. Bishop reported on several issues:

The Bio-Terrorism Grant: KBEMS has received a great deal of money from this grant provided by the Federal Government. With these funds, KBEMS plans to purchase and implement a data collection system that will allow providers to input data on each run made in the Commonwealth. KBEMS also hopes to provide new computers to each ambulance service in the Commonwealth that will be dedicated to data collection. KBEMS is in initial discussions with Kentucky Educational Television on transmission to each ambulance service via computer.

The Rural AED Grant: KBEMS has ordered and received the first shipment of AED devices to be distributed in the first wave of the AED grant. KBEMS is planning a press conference for late December or early January to officially announce the program and the first AED awards.

Brian Bishop introduced Mr. Jon Muncy, who has joined the staff of KBEMS as the Education and Training Section Supervisor.

KBEMS now offers via website all finalized discipline handed down by the Board. Providers will now have a mechanism by which to determine if individuals applying for employment or currently employed have received any type of finalized discipline from KBEMS.

John Blumenstock made a motion to amend the agenda to reflect the Legislative Initiative proposals from Mike Swift. Seconded by Jamey Locke. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

**Advisory Opinion Request:**

John Blumenstock made a motion to allow KBEMS staff to reply informally to an advisory opinion request regarding the obligations placed upon EMS by do not resuscitate orders and living wills, seconded by Lee Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f)**

Jamey Locke moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discipline and personnel issues, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f), seconded by Bill Martin. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Stratton asked Charles O'Neal and Brian Bishop be present for that session.

Jamey Locke moved that the Board come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Knight. Motion passed.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Information/Announcements:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.